AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A recording method for instructing a drive apparatus having a pseudo-overwrite function to write data on a write-once disc,

the recording method comprising the steps of:

(a)   receiving a write request which specifies at least data for a file to be written;

(b)   instructing the drive apparatus to read metadata for managing the file from a location in the write-once disc, so as to obtain the metadata;

(c)   querying a first next writable address indicating a location at which data is to be written next to the drive apparatus, so as to obtain the first next writable address;

(d)   updating the metadata to reflect the writing of the data specified by the write request;

(e)   instructing the drive apparatus to write the data specified by the write request to a location indicated by the first next writable address in the write-once disc; and

(f)   instructing the drive apparatus to write at least a part of the updated metadata to the location from which the metadata is read in the step (b) in the write-once disc, wherein the drive apparatus obtains a second next writable address and when the location from which the metadata is read is smaller than the second next writable address, records the updated metadata at a location indicated by the second next writable address, and

(g) updating a remapping table to include an entry which specifies a physical address corresponding to the location from which the metadata is read and a new physical address where the updated metadata is written.

2.   (Original)   A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the steps (e) and (f) are performed using the same write instruction.

3.   (Original)   A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the step (f) is performed after the step (e) is performed.

4.   (Original)   A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the updated metadata includes a file entry of a directory under which the file is recorded.

5.   (Original)   A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the updated metadata includes a file entry of the file.

6.   (Currently Amended) A system controller for instructing a drive apparatus having a pseudo-overwrite function to write data on a write-once disc,
     the system controller comprising a controller for controlling the drive apparatus, wherein the controller is configured to perform a process including the steps of:
     (a)   receiving a write request which specifies at least data for a file to be written;
     (b)   instructing the drive apparatus to read metadata for managing the file from a location in the write-once disc, so as to obtain the metadata;
     (c)   querying a <u>first</u> next writable address indicating a location at which data is to be written next to the drive apparatus, so as to obtain the <u>first</u> next writable address;
     (d)   updating the metadata to reflect the writing of the data specified by the write request;
     (e)   instructing the drive apparatus to write the data specified by the write request to a location indicated by the <u>first</u> next writable address in the write-once disc; ~~and~~
     (f)   instructing the drive apparatus to write at least a part of the updated metadata to the location from which the metadata is read in the step (b) in the write-once disc<u>, wherein the drive apparatus obtains a second next writable address and when the location from which the metadata is read is smaller than the second next writable address, records the updated metadata at a location indicated by the second next writable address, and</u>
     <u>(g) updating a remapping table to include an entry which specifies a physical address corresponding to the location from which the metadata is read and a new physical address where the updated metadata is written.</u>

7.   (Original)   A system controller according to claim 6, wherein the controller includes a semiconductor integrated circuit.

8.   (Currently Amended)   A non-transitory machine readable medium having a program stored thereon for use in a system controller for instructing a drive apparatus having a pseudo-overwrite function to write data on a write-once disc,

wherein the program is configured to perform a process including the steps of:

(a)   receiving a write request which specifies at least data for a file to be written;

(b)   instructing the drive apparatus to read metadata for managing the file from a location in the write-once disc, so as to obtain the metadata;

(c)   querying a first next writable address indicating a location at which data is to be written next to the drive apparatus, so as to obtain the first next writable address;

(d)   updating the metadata to reflect the writing of the data specified by the write request;

(e)   instructing the drive apparatus to write the data specified by the write request to a location indicated by the first next writable address in the write-once disc; and

(f)   instructing the drive apparatus to write at least a part of the updated metadata to the location from which the metadata is read in the step (b) in the write-once disc, wherein the drive apparatus obtains a second next writable address and when the location from which the metadata is read is smaller than the second next writable address, records the updated metadata at a location indicated by the second next writable address, and

(g) updating a remapping table to include an entry which specifies a physical address corresponding to the location from which the metadata is read and a new physical address where the updated metadata is written.